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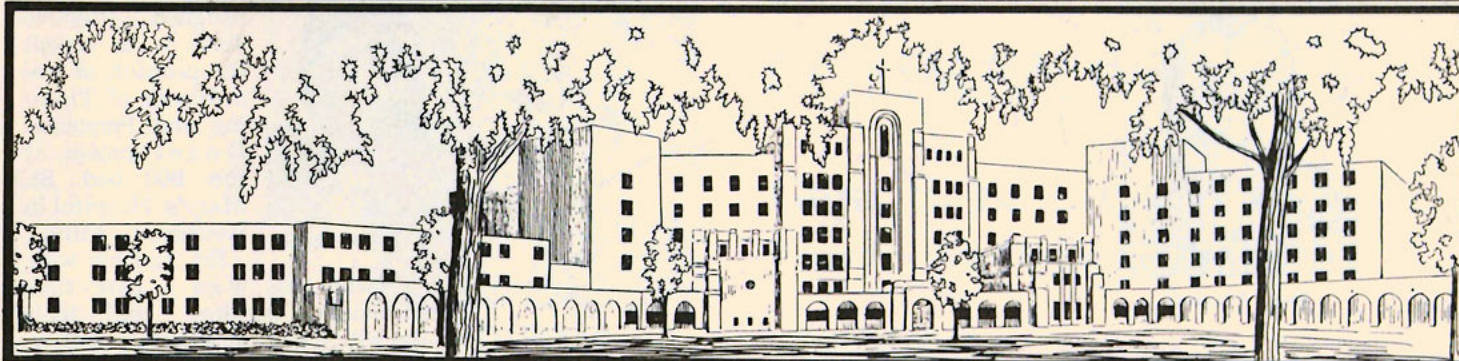
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Wenstrom Heads Personnel, PR Division

Sam Wenstrom, Director of Public Relations and Communications since January, 1968, was named to head the Division of Personnel and Public Relations Services April 16. He succeeds Thomas McLaughlin, who is now the Program Director for the Central Minnesota Area Health Education Consortium.



Sam Wenstrom

The Division includes the Departments of Continuing Education, Employment, Public Relations, Systems Design, Volunteers and Wage & Benefits.

"Of course I have an annual checkup; don't you?"



Mr. Bakke Elected to Research Center Post

Gene S. Bakke, Executive Vice President of the St. Cloud Hospital, has been chosen Vice President of the new Pope John XXIII Medical-Moral Research and Education Center, sponsored by the Catholic Hospital Association.

Recently organized and incorporated in the State of Missouri, the center will function on a national level to identify long-range medical-moral issues and concerns that require the application of theological and moral principles in health care.

Rev. Monsignor John E. Molan, diocesan coordinator of health affairs, Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire, is chairman.

Spanier to Make Institute Talks

Ron Spanier, Director of Accounting, will make two presentations on the St. Cloud Hospital's flexible budgeting system at the National Institute of the Hospital Financial Management Association in Columbus, Ohio, in August.

His first presentation will be a half-day on "Advanced Budgeting," followed the next day by 1½ hours on "Accounting and Cost Analysis." Ron, a Certified Public Accountant, has been Director of Accounting since 1970.



Charles Grafft, Waite Park Police Chief and Rescue Squad organizer, right, watches as emergency personnel begin caring for the 52 "victims" in the National Hospital Week Disaster Drill conducted May 8. The "victims," students at the School of Nursing, positioned themselves under the bleachers in the Civic Arena. Participating were the area Civil Defense, city Police and Fire Departments, Waite Park police and Rescue Squad, Highway Patrol, Murphy Ambulance, National Guardsmen, the SCH Medical Staff and personnel, and the St. Cloud VA. More on National Hospital Week on Page 4.

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The Chaplain's Corner

By Reverend Richard Tetzloff



Rev. Tetzloff

Whether you are a patient, visitor or an employee, you cannot ignore the finiteness of life in the hospital. Be it the cry of a new born or the accident victim in the Emergency Room or the quietness of relatives outside a closed door to a patient's room, all speak of the tenuous hold we have on life. The Apostle James could have been speaking to us when he said:

"Now listen to me, you who say today or tomorrow we will travel to a certain city where we will spend a year and go into business and make much money. You do not even know what your life tomorrow will be like, for you are like a thin fog which appears for a moment and then disappears. This then is what you should say, 'If the Lord be willing, we will live and do this and that.'" (James 4:13-15, Good News for Modern Man)

How to beneficially use this knowledge is the question. Some become anxious and tense and are hindered from fully living life as God has intended it to be lived. Others deny or try to defy the fact that life is like a thin fog—that is and then is not. "If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this and that," says the Apostle James. It is a question of time allotted to us. We do not really own it. We can only use it and invest it. We truly have to say, "If the Lord is willing." To do this wisely, our prayer needs to be:

"Lord, give me the ability and the courage to use the days of my life, whatever they may be, as if they belong to you, which they really do."



... AND THEY COME OUT HERE—The new dishroom and dish washer, installed in the renovated SCH kitchen, are now in use. Above dishes are cleaned of remaining food by Frances Ederhoff and Emily Fowler. At the left Evelyn Malokowski feeds the dishes into the conveyor of the machine. At the other



end, in the dishroom, right, John Kucala takes the clean dishes from the machine after washing. It takes about a minute for the dishes to go through the wash and dry process. The machine was used for the first time the last week of April.

Ed Tschimperle Resigns; Takes Rochester Position

Ed Tschimperle, Director of Continuing Education for three years, has resigned effective June 1, to accept the position of Coordinator of Training and Personnel Development at the 900-bed St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Ed, and his wife, Mary (who also was a part-time Switchboard Operator), and their family will move immediately following the closing of the school year.

—CORRECTION—

The April, 1973 "Beacon Light" included a picture of the five St. Cloud School of Nursing Juniors who were awarded Grace Weiss Halenbeck scholarships. These scholarships are each for \$200 cash, not \$20 as stated because of a typographical error.

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MR. BAKKE

COMMENT

by

Gene S. Bakke

Executive Vice President

Among a number of significant issues relating to health care being discussed these days, and one that has moved rapidly to the forefront in recent months, is the relationship of ethical and moral standards to the provision of health care services.

Up until the infamous Supreme Court decision on abortion was rendered on January 22, the question of the appropriateness and value of religious principles and ethical standards in the health care setting had not been directly challenged, at least in Minnesota. It has been taken for granted that religious influence and ethical principles were an integral and indispensable dimension of the operation of a hospital or other institution rendering health care, whether it be operated under public or private auspices. The general presence and availability of spiritual care services in governmental hospitals (Armed Forces, Veterans Administration, state, county and city), as well as private hospitals, would suggest that the appropriateness and value of religious principles and ethical standards has been publicly well accepted and widely supported.

But the Supreme Court's abortion decision has precipitated a chain of challenges leading ultimately to a call into question of the whole concept of religious and ethical values in health care. Court cases currently in litigation

as well as recent public pronouncements by such organizations as Americans United for Separation of Church and State offer ample documentation that the confrontation is, indeed, at hand.

Historically, acute hospital care in the United States has been provided mostly by hospitals operated under religious sponsorship and identity. Even today, Catholic hospitals alone render almost one-third of the acute hospital care provided in the nation, to say nothing of the services given by hospitals operated under the auspices of other religious denominations. Institutions under religious sponsorship have traditionally been and continue presently to be recognized for their special characteristics of humanism, warmth, compassion and recognition of human dignity.

What is ultimately at stake is whether any hospital, be it public or private, can subscribe to and maintain an ethical and moral code, or whether we will be forced by court or legislative dictum to abandon such codes and operate at the lowest moral common denominator in order to accommodate to every individual's whim and desire. It is obviously a question of great significance and far reaching implications to everyone—patients who receive health care, as well as those who provide the care.

Our Record of Service

| | ADMISSIONS | BIRTHS | OPERATIONS | X-RAYS | LABORATORY TESTS | EMERGENCY OUTPATIENT VISITS |
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| MARCH 1973 to | 1413 | 152 | 605 | 4044 | 25732 | 838 |
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National Hospital Week 1973

Five retirees and 110 employees were honored Monday, May 7, during the annual Recognition Dinner, sponsored by the St. Cloud Hospital as a feature of National Hospital Week.

Retiring during the past year were Beatrice Lemmerman, 20 years of service; Agnes Shoumaker, 16 years; Marie Wallack, 16 years; Marie Nelson, 19 years; and Clarence Schill, 13 years. Each received a gift, presented by Mother Henrita Osendorf, O.S.B., president of the Board of Trustees.

Service awards, in the form of pins, cuff links, bracelets, and necklaces were given to the following:

Five Years—

Corrine Szafranski, Dorothy Sprengeler, Florence Hommerding, Bonnie Peterson, Sharon Schmidt, Michelle Heurung, Margaret Wilson, Susan Wentzell, Carol Edgerly, Ramona Muller, Jeanette Pendergast, Violet Wainright, Alice Gerads, Susanne Janney, Susan Loftness, Ethelinda Keeler, Nancy Clough, Lynda Frampton, Merrily Palmer, Anne Mavis, Art Hetherington, Betty Strobel, Eleanor Wolfe, Rosemary Marx, Janave Lommel, Ane Bauer, Michael Nierenhausen, Rosalyn Barthelemy, Gary Burg.

Marjorie Johnson, Mary Foy, Lila Fouquette, Erma Nelson, Sr. Mary Jude, Barry Radin, Maxine Donat, John Lindow, Lawrence Olson, Jacqueline Pattock, Sister Vita, Michael Sullivan, Louis Canfield, Clara Hartman, Sally Hofer, Mildred Boyd, Arlene Sauer, Brenda Rymer, Marie Bieniek, Theodore Kuklok, Marie Dingmann, Nance Brambrink, David Pearce, Sally Grabuski, Sam Westrom, Jean Krogh, Mary McIntyre, Lillian Spaeth, Elizabeth Young, Thelma Hoffman, Sandra Krippner, Diane Schwinden, Willie Mae White, Margaret Theisen, and Charlotte Ellingson.

10 Years

Marie Sjogren, Mary Ann Smoger, Dorothy Tomporowski, Louise Seifermann, Judith Spoden, Shirley Roth, Gertrude Danzl, Irene Stawarski, Rita Wocken, Margaret Henkel, Naomi Pawlenty, Sandra Krippner, Alice Kascht, Rosalie Wlaznak, Dorothy Hoffman, Sr. Longina, Sr. Remberta, Aloys Blommer, Leo Pohl, John Woods, Bette Britton, Janet Lepinski, George Pallansch, Donald Kellner, Delroy Stang, Herbert Bechtold, John Euteneuer, Edna Nathe, Marilyn Lepinski, Frances Rydberg, Gene Bakke, and Lois Koopmeiners.

15 Years

Isabell Simon, Agnes Grant, Evelyn Raiche, Margaret Konz, Janet Kulzer, Sr. Colleen, Franklin Pallansch, Mary Ann Athmann, and Harry Scheiner.

20 Years

Margaret Kiekow, Lawrence Stew-

art, Luvern Kirscht, and Sr. Quidella.

30 Years

Helen McLane.

The annual awards program was held in the Birch Room of the Germain Hotel.



WJON FOCUS 45—Tom Mullin, left, and Sr. Colleen, SCH National Hospital Week chairman, were interviewed by Fred Barry, WJON News Director, broadcast on both radio and TV Cable.



30 YEAR RECOGNITION—Helen McLane received an award for 30 years in Nursing Service from Mother Henrita Osendorf, chairman of the Board of Trustees, during the annual Employees Dinner. In the background are Esther Merkling, dinner chairman, and Executive Vice President Gene Bakke.



Mrs. Laddie Krey, left, and Mrs. Lena Hagen, dressed in the student nurse garb of the early 1930's and presented a program to SCH staff members on "Nursing Then and Now" during National Hospital Week. Their uniforms, authentic originals from their days as students, are heavily starched, full-length dresses and bibs, with colored full-length dresses underneath. Mrs. Krey retired two years ago after 41 years in Nursing, and Mrs. Hagen is now a Clinician in the Nursing Service Department.

Clarence Schill Retired April 13

Clarence Schill, Elevator Operator and Housekeeping Porter for 13 years, retired on April 13 to relax, do some home repairs that are waiting, fish and ride his bike. Clarence was one of five retirees honored during National Hospital Week.



Mr. Schill Observing his 20th anniversary of

employment this month was Lawrence Stewart, Orthopedic Technician.

Margaret Konz, Transcriber on 3 Northwest, passed the 18 year mark, while Shirley Roth and Gertrude Danzl, both of 5 South, observed 10 year anniversaries.

Those passing the five year mark were Margaret Wilson, 5 North; Ramona Muller, 5 South; Lynda Frampton, 2 West; Michael Nierenhausen, Central Service; Jacqueline Pattock, Anesthesia; Theodore Kuklok, Housekeeping; and Mary McIntyre, Communications.

Babies Born to Staff

Mr. and Mrs. William Ibes (Kathryn Ditter)

LeRoy Herbst (Catherine Fitzpatrick)

Warren Determan (Audrey Dingman)

Gerald Schumann (Carol Bemboom)

Jon Dahl (Kathleen Hiemenz)

Jay Knevel (Patricia Harlander)

Richard Schmitt (Karen Kiffmeyer)

Hilary Stellmach (Janet Jaeger)

Joseph Koltas (Ione Zimmer)

Michael Danger (Jeannette Olson)

Arnold Schmit (Sandra Doeden)

James Rooney (Roxanne Graybar)

Roger Cartwright (Joan Igoe)

Recent Staff Marriages

David Warg, A&C Assistant on 2 South married Rita Thielen on March 24, 1973.

Marlene Storkamp, LPN on 2 NW, married Thomas Johannes on March 3, 1973.

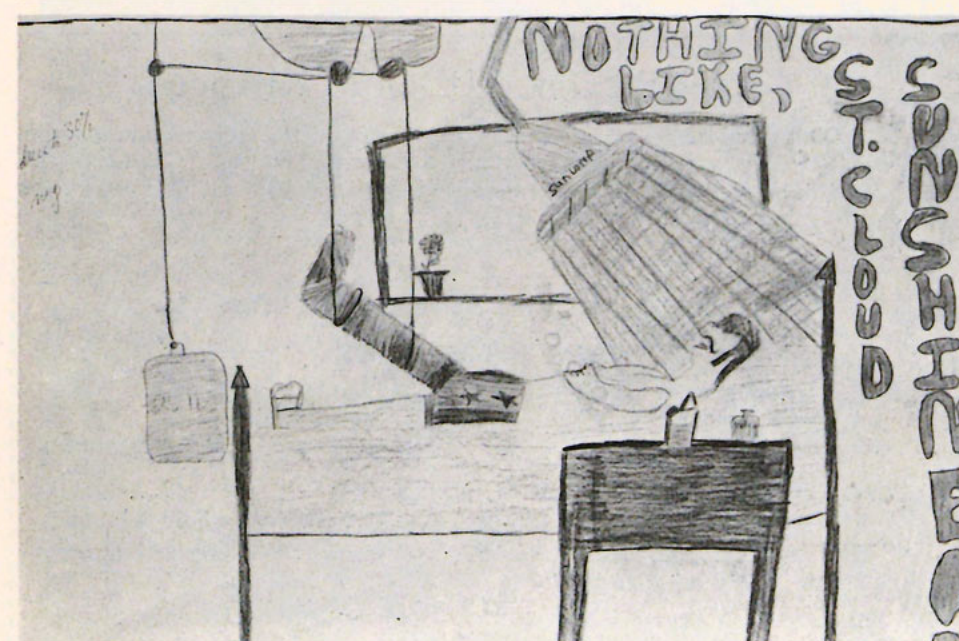
Grace Sobania, LPN in Nursing Service, married Allen Jordahl on March 22, 1973.

Mary Hinsey, Nursing Assistant I, married William Murphy on February 2, 1973.

Cynthia Schotl, LPN on 6 South, married Leroy Justin on April 28, 1973.



NEW EDP ROOM—Data Processing Equipment has been moved into new, permanent quarters in the east addition. Above, part of the new room, some of the computer equipment, and Department Manager Terry Heinen and Data Processing Operator Kathy Bieniek are pictured. The room is unique in that the floor is raised about two feet to allow for all duct work, including air conditioning, to come from underneath. Temperature and humidity control is essential in that room because of the sensitive equipment. The department occupied its new quarters in April.



Being a patient on 6 South, the Orthopedic Floor of SCH, must have looked like a vacation to Ross Gilsrud, 6th grader from Wilson School. Ross drew the above picture after touring the Hospital with his class prior to National Hospital Week. It shows the happy patient in traction enjoying a sun lamp, and saying, "nothing like St. Cloud Sunshine!" This picture, and others from the class, were displayed during National Hospital Week.

SCH Wage & Benefits

Promoting Promotions

By Ed Smolenski
Personnel Intern

All of us are aware of the connotation of the word PROMOTION. What about GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT? Webster defines Growth as to thrive as a living thing; Development as to make fuller or better. Therefore, to thrive as a living thing and to become fuller is the purpose of promotion and the hidden secret in getting promoted.

This is the first in a series of articles designed to explore the opportunities for advancement that are available to employees within the Hospital. Each article will reflect on the rise "up the ladder" of an employee who has successfully applied the above formula.

I recently spoke with Miss Marlene Schoenberg, Assistant Director of Housekeeping Services, concerning her feelings about the opportunities for advancement available to employees. "If a person applies himself in his work and has aspirations of the Housekeeping field as a career, there exists many opportunities within the Hospital to attain his goals and objectives," she said.



Miss Schoenberg

Miss Schoenberg came to St. Cloud Hospital in 1969 with fifteen years prior experience in the Housekeeping field in related health care institutions and had completed more than one-half of the educational requirements for certification as an Executive Housekeeper. Starting at the bottom of the ladder, Marlene accepted the position as Housekeeping Aide on float. As an Aide on float, she became acquainted with the specific needs of several floors throughout the hospital. After six months, Marlene was promoted to Supervisor on first floor which included the responsibility of supervising and training nine subordinates and the maintenance of I.C.U., C.C.U., Administration Pool, Emergency Room, Ground and Basement, and the School of Nursing.

One June 1, 1972, Miss Schoenberg received the promotion to her present position as Assistant Director of Housekeeping Services. However, with every step "up the ladder" the responsibility for the scheduling and staffing of over 80 housekeeping employees, assisting in the hiring and

communicating on a regular basis with employees in need of her expertise, Marlene commented, "I got to the level I wanted, I worked hard to get this position and I'm happy and content in my role as Assistant Director."

Miss Schoenberg mentioned that she takes great pride in her work. Also, she feels that a majority of people are finally realizing and appreciating the work and effort that is being done by the housekeeping staff.

This is just one example of the opportunities that are available to employees within the hospital for promotions. It seems a long way "up the ladder" from an Aide on float to the Assistant Director of Housekeeping, but shows that it is POSSIBLE FOR YOU ALSO.

Congratulations On Your Promotion

Renee Henneman, Transcriber on 5 South, promoted to Transcriber.

John Krauel, Ward Clerk in ICU, promoted to Transcriber Trainee.

Donald Poepping, Ward Clerk in ICU, promoted to Transcriber Trainee

From the St. Cloud Hospital Kitchens

This month, the St. Cloud Hospital Kitchen presents a recipe for a one-dish meal, easy to make and popular with most everyone. The "tater tot hot dish" makes for good summer-time eating. So save the recipe, clip along dotted lines and mount on 3 x 5 card for your file.

From the St. Cloud Hospital Kitchens

TATER TOT HOT DISH

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| 1½ Lbs. ground beef | 1 package dry onion soup |
| 1 can tomato soup | 1 package tater tots |
| 1 can golden mushroom soup | 1 package frozen mixed vegetables |

1. Mix all ingredients except tater tots.
2. Place in greased casserole dish. Bake in 350° oven for 45-50 minutes.
3. Remove from oven. Place tater tots over surface of casserole. Return to oven for 15 minutes longer.

Note: Any combination of vegetables may be used. A favorite at our cafeteria is carrots, peas and green beans.

P.A.C. Rap

By Mary Kamphake

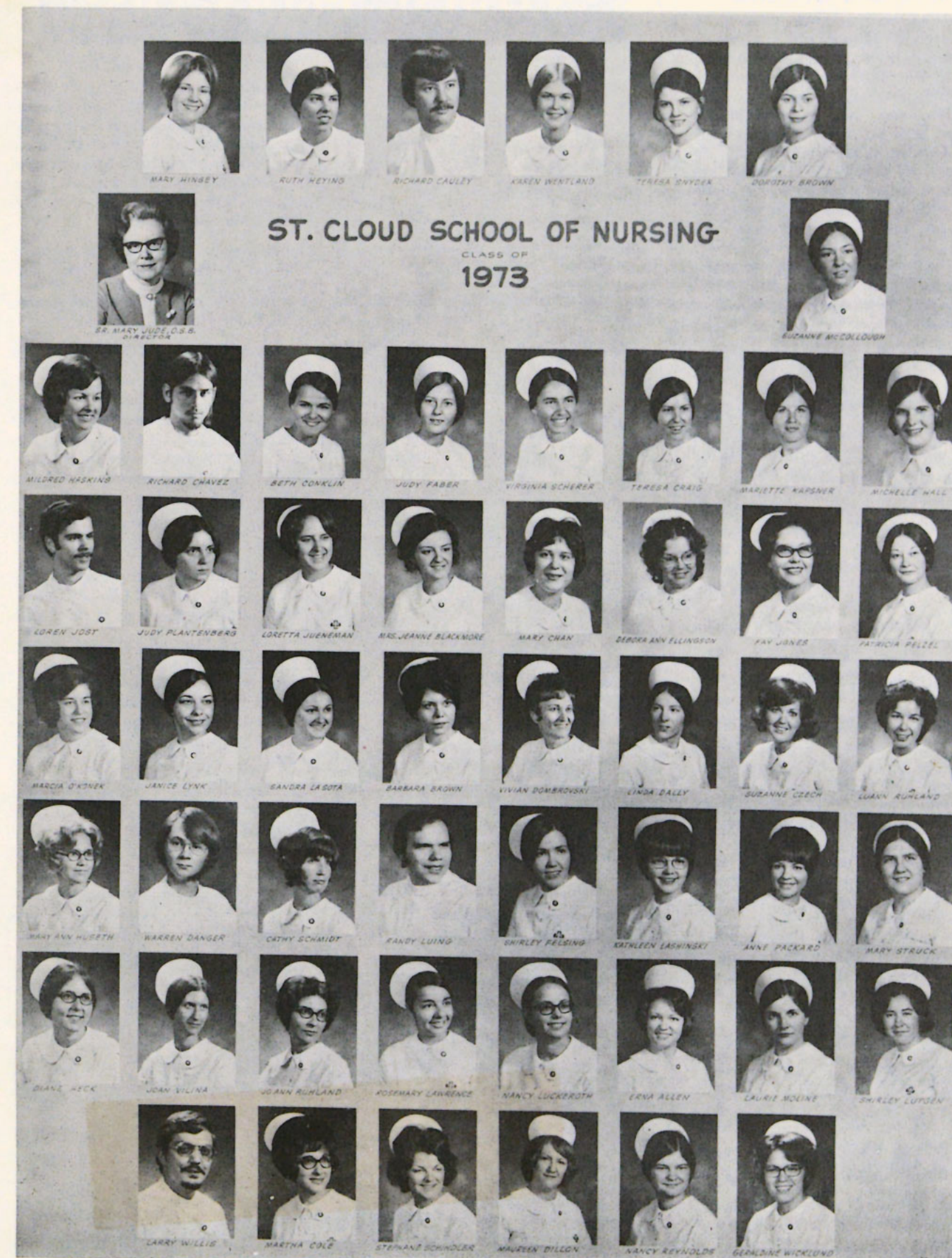
Recently there have been reports of property stolen from employees' cars while parked in the Employees Parking Lot. With school out soon, there will be greater temptation and chance of this being repeated. Here are some possible precautionary measures.

First of all—lock all the doors and be sure the windows are rolled up. Second—Check your Homeowners or Personal Property Insurance coverage. Some companies say there has to be positive evidence of break-in before they will cover the loss. Be sure your policy will include stereo tape players or other extras added to the car.

Comprehensive coverage of car insurance does not cover personal property in a car. It only includes permanently attached or connected pieces of equipment depending on the company.

If you should discover a break-in or the loss of property from your auto while parked on Hospital property, be sure to report to your supervisor and fill out an accident report. The Hospital is not liable for the loss but does want to know if theft should occur. The Pinkerton Guards are then alerted and will try to observe the area more closely. A police report must be completed before most insurance companies will act.

So—remember to lock your car and check the stipulations of your insurance policies.



Health Care Workers to Hear Dr. Gordon

The Stearns-Sherburne Chapter of the March of Dimes will sponsor an appearance by the prominent geneticist, Dr. Hymie Gordon of Rochester, sometime in late May or early June. The date and location will be announced well ahead of the program.

Dr. Gordon is chairman of the department of Medical Genetics and consultant in internal medicine in the Mayo Clinic. He was born in South Africa and has been a physician since 1958.

His appearance, which probably will be at the St. Cloud Hospital, will be open to health care personnel from throughout our area.

Stein, Vasek to Advise Explorers

Dale Stein, Director of the Professional Services Division, and Ralph Vasek, Housekeeping Manager, will serve as Advisors for the Medical Post for Explorers sponsored by the St. Cloud Hospital during the next year. As Advisors they will coordinate activities of the Post in the Hospital departments, and fund-raising programs.

Mike Becker is the Post's institutional representative.

Regional Library Offers Patient Books

The Great River Regional Library in St. Cloud is now providing 80 to 100 books per month for use in the St. Cloud Hospital Patient Library Service, according to Librarian Nancy Campbell.

The patient's library receives books on a variety of subjects and fiction, and large-print books for those with visual handicaps.

This service allows for greater choice than would ordinarily be available, Mrs. Campbell said.



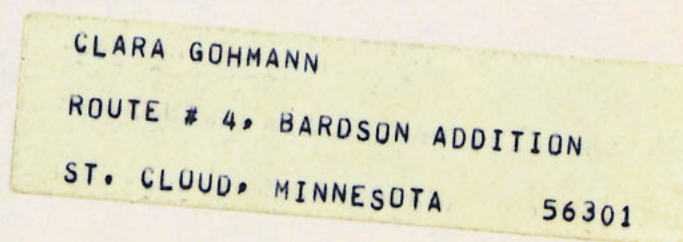
COMING PROGRAMS

| EVENT | DATE | DETAILS |
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| Pre-Surgical Party | May 16 7:00 p.m. | Free program sponsored by Pediatric Dept. Open to parents and children who have been scheduled for surgery. One Hour. Includes tour of Pediatric Unit and introduction to personnel and policies. Guests report at Information Desk. Children invited. Refreshments. Busch Room. |
| Birthright Meeting | May 21 7:30 p.m. | Sponsored by Birthright. Open to interested people. Hoppe Auditorium. |
| American Cancer Society | May 23-7:30 p.m. | For American Cancer Society members. Pierz Room. |
| Candy Striper Orientation | June 4 and 5 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Orientation for new Candy Strippers. Pierz Room. |
| "Happy the Clown" Party | June 6 and 20 - 7:00 p.m. | Free program for parents and children scheduled for surgery. One hour. Guests report at Information Desk. Children invited. Refreshments. Busch Room. |
| Health Explorer Post | June 7 - 7:00 p.m. | Monthly meeting of Health Explorer Scouts. Auditorium. |
| Calix Society Meeting | June 10 | For Calix Society members. Mass at 8:00 a.m. in Hospital Chapel followed by breakfast meeting in the Busch Room. |
| Program on Genetics | June 15 - 1:30 p.m. | Dr. Humie Gordon of Mayo Clinic, Rochester, will talk on Medical Genetics in Hoppe Auditorium. Invited are physicians, nurses and paramedical personnel from Central Minnesota. |
| Ostomy Club | June 19 - 7:30 p.m. | Sponsored by Saint Cloud Hospital for members of Ostomy Club and family. Busch Room. |

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